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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

The Microsoft antitrust case settlement agreement should be approved as soon as possible. We will all be better off.

This lawsuit demonstrates that Microsoft's competitors, like Sun, are merely envious of Microsoft's success. Their failure to develop products of the same caliber, as Windows does not mean Microsoft engaged in anticompetitive behavior.

The terms of the settlement agreement are fair. There should be no hesitation in the settlement's approval. The agreement provides for such things as a technical oversight committee, which will monitor Microsoft's business, practices. Additionally, Microsoft has agreed to disclose to its competitors proprietary information, like interfaces that are internal to the Windows operating system. Given these types of concessions, no further action should be taken against Microsoft.

Thank you for your intelligent attention.

Sincere regards,

Linda Maher